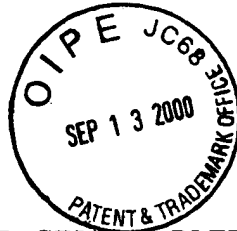


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In re Application of: )  
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: Filed: July 28, 2000 )  
: For: PRINTING APPARATUS, ) September 13, 2000  
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: APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER- )  
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/030,767	02/26/98	2771 (Pending)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of the cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

JP '280 is discussed on page 4 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '505 corresponds to JP '280.

JP '771, JP '342, JP '463, and JP '504 are discussed on page 5 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. EP '988 corresponds to JP '463.

US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '129, US '796, JP '847, JP '670, JP '461 and JP '260, which generally relate to ink jet recording, are discussed at pages 59-63 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

US '577 corresponds to JP '260.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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